

Appl. No. 10/690,144  
Amendment dated November 28, 2005  
Reply to Office action of August 26, 2005

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0016] beginning at page 3, page line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0016] End cap 28 extends laterally outwardly to an outer flange 46 laterally outward of filter media 32. A retainer 48 on outer flange 46 mounts filter element 22 at end cap 28 to base 24. Filter media 32 has an outer border 50, Fig. 1. Outer flange 46 has an outer border 52 laterally outward of outer border 50 and sufficiently laterally extended therefrom to accommodate retainer-~~46~~ 48 along the lateral dimension between outer borders 50 and 52. Retainer 48 mounts end cap 28 to base 24 in snap-fit relation with rectilinearly unidirectional axial insertion as shown at arrow 54, Fig. 2. In Fig. 2, the retainer is provided by a hook 56 on end cap 28, and a catch 58 on base 24 as provided by a slot or opening 60 in a flange 62 extending laterally from the base. Hook 56 is on a shank 64 which extends axially from a partially flexible hinge on end cap 28. Hook 56 is laterally moveable about hinge 66 toward and away from the edge of slot or opening 60 of base 24 and into and out of engagement with catch 58.